

Amendments to the claims

1-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently amended)                    A medium containing a spelling for an ideographic symbol having a shape, said spelling comprising each of a first component, a second component, and a third component, ÷a the first component comprising alphanumerals providing a spelling of the phonetics of the ideographic symbol, a the second component comprising alphanumerals providing an indication of the shape of the ideographic symbol, and a-the third component comprising a differentiator providing a unique identification of the ideographic symbol.

38. (Currently amended)                    The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the ideographic symbol is a Chinese-language symbol.

39. (Currently amended)                    The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the first component provides a sound portion and a tone portion of the ideographic symbol.

40. (Currently amended)                    The medium spelling of claim ~~37~~ 39, wherein the sound portion and the tone portion are Pinyin spellings.

41. (Currently amended)                    The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the shape of the ideographic symbol is indicated by a four-corner numerical index.

42. (Currently amended) The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the third component is a differentiator whose value is either null or at least one alphanumeral.

43. (Currently amended) The medium spelling of claim 37, wherein the alphanumerals are English-language letters and Arabic numerals.

44. (Currently amended) A table on a medium, which table comprises ~~comprising~~ a first column and a second column wherein the first column provides a plurality of spellings ~~according to claim 37~~ for ideographic symbols having shapes, each spelling comprising each of a first component, a second component, and a third component, the first component comprising alphanumerals providing a spelling of the phonetics of the ideographic symbol, the second component comprising alphanumerals providing an indication of the shape of the ideographic symbol, and the third component comprising a differentiator providing a unique identification of the ideographic symbol and wherein the second column provides a plurality of the corresponding ideographic symbols.